

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3473  
INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 1078

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, PP, ID  
SUBJECT: BORDER SITUATION - IRIANESE DISSIDENTS

REFS: A) PORT MORESBY 0703, B) STATE 125012

1. DURING CALL AT EMBASSY CONCERNING A RICE MATTER, AMCIT  
HALE RAISED SUBJECT OF BORDER SITUATION AND CONTACTS WITH  
JACOB PRAI'S PEOPLE. HALE SAID THAT THE DISSIDENTS COULD  
NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE U.S. WOULD NOT SEND SOMEONE UP TO TALK  
TO THEM. HE ADDED A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT (FROM REFTEL A)  
VERSION OF THE CUBAN ASPECT, SAYING THAT THE DISSIDENTS  
CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN OFFERED ARMS AND TRAINING BY THE  
CUBANS BUT THAT THEY PREFERRED NOT TO DEAL WITH THE CUBANS.  
HE SAID THERE WAS NO FURTHER VEILED THREAT AGAINST FREEPORT  
PROPERTIES.

2. WITH RESPECT TO PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE IN SEPIK AREA  
(WHERE HE LIVES), HALE SAID PEOPLE PANIC STRICKEN. REPORTED  
GPNG PEOPLE REFUSING TO GO INTO AREA AND TOLD OF ACQUAINTANCE  
WHO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE ABOUT TO GO ABROAD ON SIX WEEK  
TRAINING PROGRAM BUT WHO REFUSING TO GO UNLESS WIFE  
EVACUATED TO LAE. SAID SUCH ATTITUDES NOW TYPICAL.  
FEARS ARE OF INDONESIAN STRIKES, NOT FULL SCALE INVASION.

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3. HALE CONFIRMED PNG DEFENCE FORCE IS MOVING TROOPS  
OUT OF THE AREA AND SAID AIR NIUGINI FLIGHT ON WHICH  
HE FLEW TO MORESBY HAD A NUMBER OF "ABSOLUTELY BUSED"  
TROOPS ON BOARD.

4. FINALLY, HALE REPORTED STRONG RUMOR TO EFFECT  
PRAI HAS SURRENDERED TO GPNG BUT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IT.

EMBASSY HAS HEARD NO SUCH RUMOR IN MORESBY AS YET.  
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